

CHAILEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1918.

Year.	Popula- tion.	NETT BIRTHS.		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO DISTRICT.			
		Number.	Rate.	Under 1 year.		At all Ages.	
				Number.	Rate per 1000 Births.	Number.	Rate.
1913	12771	198	15.5	18	90.8	140	10.9
1914	12771	199	15.6	15	75.4	146	11.5
1915	10699	187	17.5	11	58.8	138	12.7
1916	10202	166	16.2	5	30.1	131	12.8
1917	9990	159	14.3	8	50.3	143	14.3
1918	10020	143	14.3	9	62.9	164	16.3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED.

Measles and German Measles	56
Scarlet Fever	5
Diphtheria	5
Enteric	4
Erysipelas	3
Ophthalmia	1

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HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING ACTS.

Houses inspected under and for the purpose of Sec. 17	12
Houses which on inspection were too dangerous or injurious for human inhabitation	...	...	...	...	...	1
Representations to Local Authority with view to closing order	...	...	...	...	...	1
Closing orders made	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defects remedied without closing order	...	...	...	...	...	0
Houses which were after closing order put into fit state of repair	...	...	...	...	...	0

Of the 164 deaths belonging to this District there were 39 due to influenza, 9 to tuberculosis, 13 to cancer, 23 to heart disease, 9 to bronchitis and 14 to pneumonia.

The influenza deaths took place as follows :—

Feb.	Mar.	April.	* Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
1	2	1	2	1	17	8	7	Total 39
1						13	15	Total 29

There were 17 males and 22 female deaths in the 39.

Distributing these among the usual age-groups :—

Under 1 year	1	*
Age 1 year and under 2 years	1	
" 2 " 5 "	1	
" 5 " 15 "	7	
" 15 " 25 "	6	2
" 25 " 45 "	14	17
" 45 " 65 "	7	6
" 65 years and over 	2	4
	39	29*

TABLE SHOWING DEATHS IN EACH WEEK FROM OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31.

OCTOBER.					NOVEMBER.				DECEMBER.			
1-7	8-14	15-21	22-28	29-4	5-11	12-18	19-25	26-2	3-9	10-16	17-23	24-31
0	1	4	7	6	2	2	5	2	2	1	0	0
*						2	6	5	12	1	2	0*

The lines and column marked * refer to transferable deaths in Institutions and are not included in the nett deaths.

The epidemic spread over the whole area of the District, and could not be traced to any one place as the first to start. It appeared in groups of villages, one group following another at very short intervals.

In Chailey Rural District, which is wide and scattered, no administrative action can well be taken to deal with so large an outbreak. There are no places of amusement to be closed, and schools are closed whenever the necessity arises.

The only Hospitals in the area are the Isolation and Small-pox Hospitals.

There are District Nurses provided by various Associations looking after—

- (1) Barcombe, Hamsey and St. John Without.
- (2) Beddingham, Glynde and Firle.
- (3) Chailey.
- (4) Ditchling, Streat and Westmeston.
- (5) East Chiltington and Plumpton.
- (6) Ringmer.
- (7) Newick.

The country immediately round Lewes is supplied by the Lewes Nursing Association, and Wivelsfield by the Haywards Heath Nursing Association.

There is no arrangement between any of these and the District Council.

Every facility is provided, free of expense, for doctors who practise in this area for bacteriological examination of material from patients.

There has been no systematic treatment by vaccines for either the cure or prevention of influenza.

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16th May, 1919.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Slaughterhouses in District	14 (none in use).
Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	122
Inspections thereof	...	...	...	...	...	100
Sewage Outfalls	...	...	...	...	...	5
Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	150
Bakehouse inspections	...	...	...	...	...	12
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	4
Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	4
Inspections of Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	5
Samples of Water taken and analysed	...	...	...	...	...	8

Signed H. WELLER.

